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SUBJ: DEPSEC'S DEPARTURE STATEMENT FROM JAKARTA

DEPTO 59

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE
STATEMENT FROM JAKARTA, MARCH 5:

IT HAS BEEN A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO VISIT THE
BEAUTIFUL NATION OF INDONESIA WHICH HAS SO MUCH PROMISE
AND POTENTIAL FOR THE FUTURE. WE AMERICANS ARE PROUD
TO HAVE FRIENDLY RELATIONS, BASED ON PRINCIPLES OF
EQUALITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT, WITH THIS GREAT COUNTRY.

IT HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY WORTHWHILE TO HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOUR DISTINGUISHED LEADERS,
PRESIDENT SUHARTO, VICE PRESIDENT SULTAN HAMENGKU
BUWONO IX, FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK, MINISTER OF STATE
WIDJOJO, PERTAMINA PRESIDENT-DIRECTOR IBNU SUTOWO, AND
WITH OTHER OFFICIALS. THESE TALKS WERE CONDUCTED IN A
SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING BEFITTING OUR
TOTAL RELATIONSHIP.

DURING THESE CONVERSATIONS, WE COVERED A WIDE
RANGE OF FIELDS WHERE WE SHARE INTERESTS IN COMMON, AS
WELL AS A COMMON DESIRE TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER. AS A
CONSEQUENCE, WE REVIEWED GLOBAL, REGIONAL AND BILATERAL
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ISSUES IN SOME DEPTH.

AS A RESULT OF THESE TALKS, I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO
CONVEY TO MY OWN GOVERNMENT A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF
INDONESIA'S ACHIEVEMENTS BOTH IN THE AREA OF DEMESTIC
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND AS A FORCE FOR CONSTRUCTIVE
COOPERATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. I TRUST THAT I WAS SUCCESS-
FUL IN REAFFIRMING OUR DESIRE TO CONTINUE CONTRIBUTING IN
WHATEVER WAY WE CAN TO PEACE AND PROSPERITY IN ASIA AND
ELSEWHERE. ALSO I WOULD NOTE THAT THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION
TO SEND ONE OF AMERICA'S TOP DIPLOMATS, AMBASSADOR NEWSOM,
TO INDONESIA REFLECTS ON THE IMPORTANCE WHICH WE ATTACH
TO THE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

IN CONCLUDING, I WISH TO THANK THE GOVERNMENT OF
INDONESIA, AND PARTICULARLY PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND FOREIGN
MINISTER MALIK, FOR THE GENEROUS HOSPITALITY SHOWN TO
MYSELF AND MRS. RUSH DURING OUR VISIT. AND TO ALL THE
PEOPLE OF INDONESIA, I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR A PLEASANT
AND MEMORABLE STAY. I ONLY HOPE NEXT TIME THAT IT MAY BE
LONGER.
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